

SEP 02 2003

Sn. 09/844,481

OFFICIAL

Attorney Docket No. FUJI:185

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-17, 31, and 33 remain pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration. Non-elected claims 5, 8-13, 15-17, and 33 remain pending in this application.

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to place the closed loop configuration as originally claimed, namely as having at least one straight section and at least one curved section, such as to cover "D" shaped closed section. The patentability of these claims do not hinge on the particular shape of the closed loop configuration. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants adopt the same arguments presented in the last reply.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Date: September 2, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



LYLE KIMMS
REG. NO. 34079
RULE 34A
Marc A. Rossi
Registration No. 31,923

ROSSI & ASSOCIATES
P.O. Box 826
Ashburn, VA 20146-0826
Phone: 703-726-6020